

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 – 11 and 14 – 23 are now in the case, Claims 12 and 13 have been canceled.

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for not showing all structure in the claims. Responding to each instance raised by Examiner:

“a first material opening” has been more clearly pointed out as 113B in Fig. 1.

“a third opening in said pre-fill chamber such that said second and third openings are aligned” was shown in the original Fig. 1 at 117, a breakout has been added for emphasis.

“a first door over said third opening”. The first door is designated numeral 30 in Figs. 2 and 3.

“a second door that automatically opens” has been deleted from all claims.

“plunger forces material through said second and third openings”, this limitation has been eliminated from the claims.

“a portion of said pre-fill chamber passes through said first opening when said pre-fill chamber is mounted on said lid”, this limitation is deleted from the claims.

“weighted end” is shown in Fig. 1, numeral 140A.

Claims 5 – 7, 10 – 14, 18 – 20 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Brennan. Brennan shows a fixed incinerator with a material feed chute 4. Brennan fails to show a pre-fill chamber as disclosed and claimed in the original or amended version of Claim 5. The chute 4 of Brennan is not intended to fill with material. Whether when door 6 is open, the door 8 temporarily closes, items are placed on hopper 7 and dumped into the burn barrel 1. The arrangement of Brennan is not closed when material is added to the burn barrel 1. Fumes could rise through the chute 4 at any time and particularly when the doors 6 and 8 are open. This is unacceptable in a modern incinerator for burning hazardous materials. Brennan fails to show a plunger actuated plate traveling through the chamber as disclosed and claimed in Claims 5 and further detailed in Claim 7. This important aspect allows the present invention to move materials from the pre-fill chamber to the burn barrel without having the burn barrel open.

CONCLUSION

Based on the remarks above it is felt that the remaining claims are now in condition for allowance.

In the event the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number identified below.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Enter the enclosed corrected Fig. 1 now more clearly pointing out the opening 113B covered by lid 113A. A marked-up copy with corrections in red has also been included. No new matter has been added.

FIG. 1

ANNOTATED MARKED-UP
DRAWING

